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Note by the secretariat

Summary

The present note contains information on the status of new and existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment, covering the period from 1January 2013 to 20 June 2014.

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I. Introduction

1. The present note is submitted in response to Governing Council decision 24 (III) of 30 April 1975, which requested the Executive Director to inform the Governing Council at each session of the status of new and existing conventions in the field of the environment, and to General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, which requested the Governing Council to keep the General Assembly informed of any new conventions in that field and of the status of existing conventions. It covers the period from 1 January 2013 to 20 June 2014. It is based on the information made available by the respective depositary Governments and organizations.

II. Conventions and protocols that have entered into force during the reporting period, or those that will enter into force within the next one year

2. The secretariat has been informed that the following instruments entered into force during the reporting period:

Amendments to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, adopted in Madrid on 28 November 2003, entered into force on 6 February 2013.

3. In addition, the secretariat has been informed that, on the basis of treaty action during the reporting period, the following conventions will enter into force within the next one year:

(a) Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, adopted in New York on 21 May 1997, will enter into force on 17 August 2014;

(b) Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, adopted in Nairobi on 18 May 2007, will enter into force on 14 April 2015.

III. New conventions and protocols concluded during the reporting period

4. The secretariat has been informed that the following instruments have been concluded during the reporting period:

Minamata Convention on Mercury, adopted in Kumamoto, Japan, on 10 October 2013.

IV. Changes to the status of ratification for the existing conventions and protocols during the reporting period

5. The annex provides information on recent changes to the status of ratification for the existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment.

Annex

Changes to the status of ratification of/accession to conventions and protocols in the field of the environment in the period from 1 January 2013 to 20 June 2014

Title of instrument/year of adoption	*Total number of ratifications/ accessions*	*Date of entry into force of instrument*	*Countries/entities that ratified/acceded to the instrument during the reporting period 1 January 2013–20 June 2014 (listing of new parties only)*
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	180	1 July 1975	Lebanon, Angola, Iraq
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, 1979	120	1 November 1983	Fiji, Kyrgyzstan, Swaziland
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 1985	197	22 September 1988	No change
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1987	197	1 January 1989	No change
Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 1999	195	25 February 2002	Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Chad, Djibouti, Ecuador, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Libya, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia
Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, 1989	181	5 May 1992	Afghanistan, Sao Tome and Principe
Amendment to the Basel Convention, 1995	79	Not yet in force	Benin, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, Monaco, Saudi Arabia
Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes, 1999	11	Not yet in force	Saudi Arabia
Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992	194	29 December 1993	South Sudan
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2000	167	11 September 2003	Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon
Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2010	39	Not yet in force	Albania, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Egypt, European Union, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Kenya, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Norway, Samoa, South Africa, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Viet Nam

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Nagoya– Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 2010	24	Not yet in force	Albania, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, European Union, Finland, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, Viet Nam
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992	196	21 March 1994	South Sudan
Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1997	192	16 February 2005	Afghanistan
Amendment to Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2006	29	Not yet in force	South Africa
Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, 2012	11	Not yet in force	Bangladesh, Barbados, China, Honduras, Kenya, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Norway, Sudan, United Arab Emirates
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 1994	195	26 December 1996	South Sudan
Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, 1998	154	24 February 2004	Afghanistan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Sao Tome and Principe
Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2001	179	17 May 2004	Afghanistan, Estonia
Minamata Convention on Mercury	1	Not yet in force	United States of America
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982	166	16 November 1994	Niger, Timor-Leste
Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, 1994	145	16 November 1994	Niger, Timor-Leste
Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, 1995	81	11 December 2001	Croatia
Convention on the Law of Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, 1997	35	Not yet in force	Côte d'Ivoire, Ireland, Montenegro, Niger, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam
International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006	68	7 December 2011	Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Suriname, Viet Nam

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Convention on the Prohibition, Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, 1992	190	29 April 1997	Somalia, Syrian Arab Republic
Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, 1996	162	Not yet in force	Brunei Darussalam, Chad, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Niue
Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, 2003	84	12 November 2006	Bangladesh, Kuwait, Zambia
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, 1971 (Ramsar Convention on Wetlands)	168	21 December 1975	Kiribati, Oman, South Sudan, Swaziland, Zimbabwe
Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, 1972	191	17 December 1975	Bahamas
International Plant Protection Convention, 1951	181	3 April 1952	Afghanistan, Lesotho, South Sudan
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, 2001	131	29 June 2004	Japan, Serbia, Sri Lanka
Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, 1986	117	27 October 1986	Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Paraguay
Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, 1986	111	26 February 1987	Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Paraguay
Convention on Nuclear Safety, 1994	77	24 October 1996	Oman, Paraguay
Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, 1997	69	18 June 2001	Armenia, Malta, Mauritius, Oman, Viet Nam
Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972	86	30 August 1975	No change
1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972, 1996	45	24 March 2006	Congo, Estonia, Uruguay,
International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-Operation, 1990	107	13 May 1995	Côte d'Ivoire, Philippines, Yemen
Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-Operation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, 2000	33	14 June 2007	Côte d'Ivoire, Malaysia, Mauritius, Turkey, Yemen

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Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971, 1992	114	30 May 1996	Côte d'Ivoire, Nicaragua, Slovakia
Protocol of 2003 to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, 2003	31	3 March 2005	Congo, Slovakia, Turkey
International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001	77	21 November 2008	Austria, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritius, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey
International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001	68	17 September 2008	Congo, Italy, Switzerland, Tonga, Uruguay
International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004	40	Not yet in force	Congo, Germany, Switzerland, Tonga
Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007	11	Not yet in force	Congo, Denmark, Germany, Malaysia, Morocco
Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, 1995	72	1 November 1999	Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Iceland, Swaziland
Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, 1991	25	22 April 1998	Chad
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), 1984	46	28 January 1988	Armenia, Georgia
Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 2001	24	Not yet in force	Finland, Malta, Slovenia
Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, 1999	26	4 August 2005	Serbia
Amendments to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, 2003	35	6 February 2013	Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, European Union, Greece, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia
Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 1998	47	30 October 2001	Switzerland

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Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers, 2003	33	8 October 2009	Israel, Republic of Moldova
Amendment to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 2005	28	Not yet in force	Switzerland
Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, 2003	7	28 April 2010	Serbia
European Landscape Convention, 2000	38	1 March 2004	Switzerland
European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport (Revised), 2003	12	14 March 2006	Slovenia
Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, 2008	5	Not yet in force	Croatia